

MORE THAN ENOUGH: ABUNDANCE
ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Fall Stewardship Campaign will begin in a few weeks, and the Stewardship Committee is excited! We have been busy all year building up to this annual event; in fact, we first began sharing reflections on our theme, **More Than Enough**, in February! We hope that by now you've seen enough loaves & fishes, Communique articles, and bulletin inserts to know the premise of this Campaign: **that God transforms what begins as meager into abundance – into something that is *more than enough* to fill our needs.** (Please see September's Communique for more on this.)

God calls us to be *good stewards* of the *abundance* in our lives. And yes, there are times when recognizing that abundance isn't easy. Sometimes an intentional, thorough inventory of our Wealth, Wisdom, and Works (W-W-W) can help us identify where God's gifts in our lives lie. Sometimes God's gifts just suddenly show up on our doorstep, so we need to pay attention! But regardless of how, when, or where we find abundance in our lives, what matters is what we do with it. Should we take our talents (aka W-W-W) and bury them in the ground like the lazy slave? Or do we put them to work and multiply them, so that we may enter into the joy of our master*? [It's a trick question – the need to put our talents (W-W-W) to work was the whole point of Jesus' parable!]

Calling this the "Fall Stewardship Campaign" is a bit misleading. Stewardship of our W-W-W is a year-round activity and a life-long progression. Throughout our lives we often encounter situations where we recognize a need that suits something in our W-W-W wheelhouse. Or we are asked to contribute something of our W-W-W towards a cause. In both cases we are given an opportunity to share something from our abundance, and prayerful discernment can help us decide how/if we should contribute (prayer is one of the cornerstones of good stewardship!). And that is what's special about the "Fall Stewardship Campaign" – it's a time when we ask you to think and pray specifically about sharing your financial abundance (Wealth) to further the mission and ministries of St. Francis. **We ask you to prayerfully consider "What is God is calling you to give in 2023?"**.

** Parable of the Three Talents, *Matthew 25:14-30*

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The Fall Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 16th and will culminate on **Commitment Sunday**, November 13th. And what will happen between those dates? you might be asking. The short answer is A LOT! The long answer is, well, long so we will give you the abbreviated version of upcoming events:

- October 16th Kick-off of *More than Enough* Campaign with a Personal Testimonial and special gifts for on-site attendees
- October 23rd Diocesan Stewardship Sunday with sermon by Bishop Stokes
- October 30th Chancel Drama by Fr. Frank and the St. Francis Players
- November 6th Personal Testimonial and deadline for luncheon RSVPs
- November 13th **Commitment Sunday** with sermon by Fr. Jack, followed by boxed luncheon
- November 15th Requested return date for Commitment Cards
- December 4th Special Coffee Hour to present preliminary results

Watch your (snail) mailboxes for letters from the Rector, the Wardens, and the Stewardship Committee. Luncheon RSVP forms for your boxed lunch on November 13th can be found in the Communique, in the narthex, and on-line @ www.stfrancisdunellen.org/stewardship-1. Commitment Cards for 2023 also will be snail mailed, in the narthex, and on-line. Contact Christy McGuire if you need additional forms/cards.

New for this year, we will be sending you a Narrative Budget brochure. We hope that this version of our budget will enlighten you on how and where your contributions to St. Francis are spent. Hint: *every dollar donated to St. Francis is used to further our mission and ministries!*